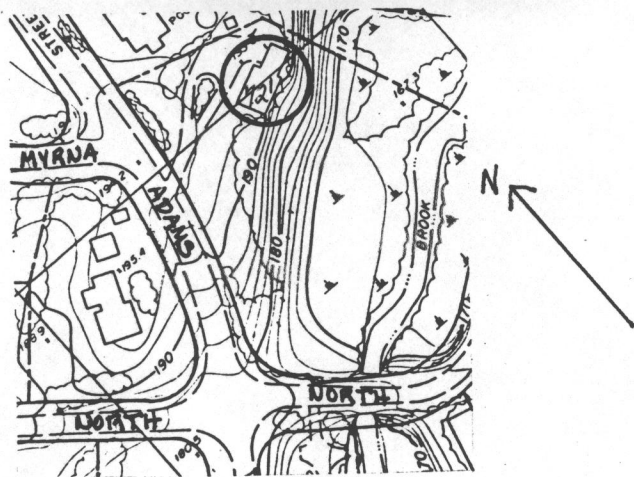
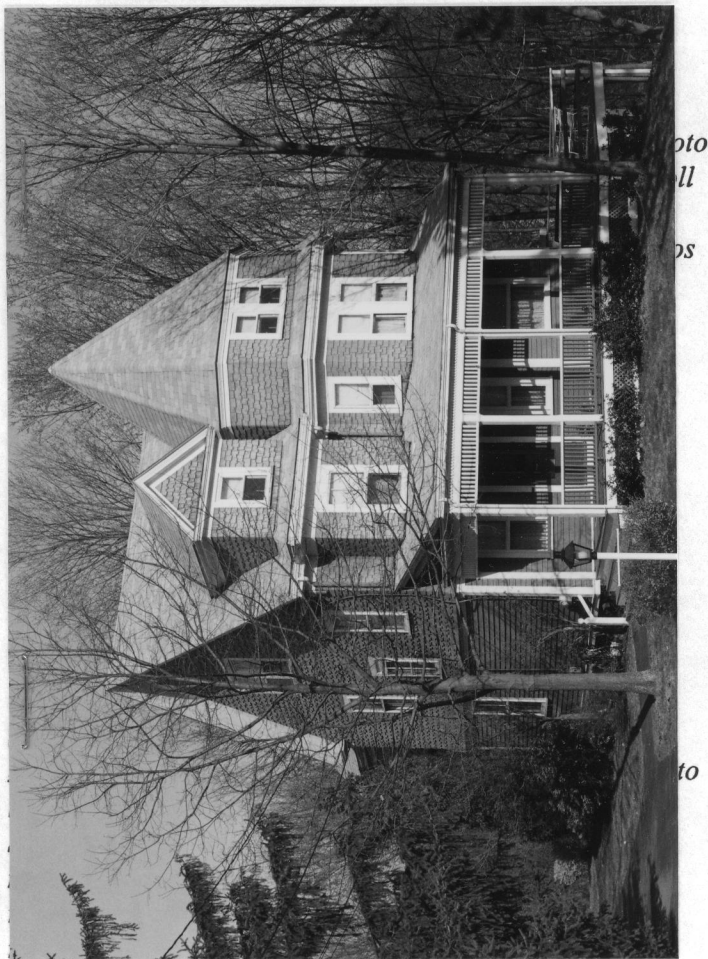


FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

0075000026

Boston N.

721

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 149 Adams St.

Historic Name Delmont A. Butterfield House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1883–1884

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard/Wood Shingle

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Fieldstone well house

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 2.2.A.

Setting Set back from a busy street on the edge of a hill above a stream and marsh

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) February 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

149 Adams St. is a very intact example of a large Queen Anne house in Lexington. The side-gabled, 2½-story house is rectangular in form, approximately two-by-two bays with a 2½-story gabled rear ell. A ridge chimney is located in the ell near the main block. The house is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with clapboards on the first story and staggered shingles above, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The main entry is on the facade and windows are 2/2 and 1/1 double hung sash. A projecting bay surmounted by a gabled dormer is located over the entry; next to it, a larger three-sided second-story bay is carried up into a hexagonal tower capped with a peaked roof. There are staggered windows on the north elevation and a dentil course and spindle frieze on the wraparound porch. In the ravine to the east of the house is a circular fieldstone well house with a conical roof.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was built in 1883–1884 by Delmont A. Butterfield, who had been born in 1855 in the house now at 43 Adams St. (MHC #706). Butterfield's wife bought the land on which this house is located in August 1883 and the house was probably started that year, for she was assessed for the completed house in 1884. In 1889 Butterfield leased the pond behind the house, then called Grangers Pond, and reportedly cut ice from it; the pond is now known as Butterfield's Pond. In the late 1920s and early 1930s this house was the site of a local radio station, WLEX; the antenna was located on the gravel pit behind it. The station was reportedly run by a member of the Moakley family, Lexington electricians, and in 1941 Richard Moakley purchased the house. This house has had only three main owners in the over 100 years of its existence and the present owners, James Long, Jr. and Patricia Hardiman Long, have received visits from descendants of both the Butterfields and the Moakleys.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*